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THE CHARACTER OF KING PHILIP II

The King "was seventy-one years old, having reigned forty-two years He was a Prince that fought with gold rather than 'with steel, by his brain rather than by his arms, acquiring more by sitting still, by negotiation, by policy than his father did by armies and by war, so that he was one of the richest Pnnces that the world has ever seen, yet hath he left the revenues of his Kingdom and of the Crown burdened with about a million of debts He was profoundly religious, displaying great calmness and professing himself unmoved alike in good or evil fortune On great occasions, in the conduct of wars, or in the magni-ficence of his buildings he never counted the cost He was no close reckoner, but lavished his gold without a thought, yet in small matters, in the government of his household, in his presents and rewards, more parsimonious than became his station He held his desires in absolute control, showing an immutable and unalterable temper, feigning injuries, and feigning not to feel injuries, but never losing an opportunity to avenge them No one ever saw him in a rage, being always patient, phlegmatic, temperate, melancholy

The Prince that succeedeth is the King's only son, twenty years of age He was educated by his father in great obedience and piety, but it cannot yet be said what his opinions may be, for he hath always kept them concealed out of respect for his father. Yet is he thought to be peacefully disposed, and hath shown himself satisfied with the new peace, if he hath an intention of talcing up arms it is against infidels

$th November GREAT FLOODS

In the counties of Lincoln, Northampton, Huntingdon, the

Isle of Ely, Sussex, Surrey and elsewhere great hurt hath been sustained this autumn by reason of the waters that have of kte overrun most part of their grounds, whereby these counties are reduced to great distress

6th November REBELLION SPREADING IN IRELAND

There is now most barbarous and fearful rebellion raging in Monster Most of the followers of noblemen and gentlemen of Munster have gone over to the enemy so that Sir Thomas Norns, the Governor, was unable either to encounter the